



# Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

## Meeting Minutes

**January 3, 2005, 6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

**Members Present:** Randy Akes, Jr., Mary Jane Dana, Bruno DeBayona, Christina Duran, Norm Gritton, Nancy Hart, Jacob Hernandez, Erin House, Dana Kruckenberg, Nanci Larsen, David McNiel, Brian Percy, Heather Troxel, Pat Watson

**Members Excused:** Wivory Brandle, Carolyn Hart, Annette Martinez-Lievanos, Marisol Ruiz

**Members Unexcused:** Barbara Brown, Jay Dyer, Nicole Hoxie, Walter Jensen

**Guests:** David Kessinger, L.B. Abercrombie, Laurell Hoirup, Tom Martin, Wendy Jensen, Marie Leggette

**Staff:** Eva Yakutis-McNiel

### 1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting called to order by Chairman Akes at 6:37 pm

### 2. Approval of Minutes, **December 6, 2004**

(House/McNiel/Carried)

### 3. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods

- David Kessinger, Pachappa Hills Neighborhood Watch, reported on the need for a sewer line in his neighborhood.
- Laurie Hoirup, Executive Director of Community Access Center, was interested in becoming involved with the partnership and gave an overview of what her non-profit provides to the community.
- Tom Martin, La Sierra Hills Neighborhood Watch, called on the RNP to provide applicants for this year's Rebuilding Together Riverside program. Mr. Martin provided applications and answered questions. He can be reached at 353-0770.

### 4. One-Year Action Plan Reports

#### a. First Quarter Goals

Pat Watson distributed the 2005 MNO calendar and will be contacting the appropriate RNP members as a reminder to attend MNO when it is in their neighborhood. Next month MNO will be in the Ramona Neighborhood on January 26. Area reps are to attend and network with residents.

#### b. Second Quarter Goals

Randy Akes reviewed subcommittee assignments and called for volunteers. The following assignments were made:

- Neighborhood Matching Grants: McNiel, Akes, Hernandez, Duran, DeBayona
- Bylaws: Percy, Duran, Watson, Akes
- Jack B. Clark: Troxel, House, Gritton
- Neighborhood Pride: Larsen, Gritton

- Mayor's Challenge: House, Akes, Gritton, McNiel

No report made on the Website.

Mary Jane Dana reported on status of development of outreach plan. Took informal show of hands Re: support for items discussed by the committee. Information well accepted. Some ideas included events and meetings within areas.

Mary Jane Dana shared newsletter ideas and reviewed challenges including communicating with the chamber and the city and being able to easily access information from both from their websites

## **5. Workshop – Organizing Your Neighborhood**

Eva Yakutis McNiel provided a workshop to assist members and guests in organizing their neighborhoods.

- 6. Future Agenda Items:** The February agenda will be devoted to updates/reports from the chairs per the Action Items of the RNP's strategic planning in December. In addition, board members absences will be addressed. In March there will be a CERT presentation. In April or March there will be a CPRC presentation.

## **7. Other Business/Public Comment**

- Jacob Hernandez reported on various events taking place in Casa Blanca by the Park Advisory.
- David McNiel expressed concerns about lack of notice by the Planning Department regarding the Save-on plans on Market as well as issues in the Arlington Neighborhood.
- Christina Duran suggested that the RNP be added to the Planning Department's notification list.
- Cindy Jensen shared Historic Woods Streets Neighborhood newsletter. Their next meeting will focus on emergency preparedness presented by the Red Cross. It will be a breakfast potluck.
- Nanci Larsen shared information about informative events taking place at the Citrus Park.
- David Kessinger addressed the issue of local neighborhood association calendars not being accurate in meeting dates and times. It was explained to him by staff that the neighborhood associations are exclusive to their area membership; therefore, notification often doesn't extend past their membership roster when there are meeting date and time changes.
- Norm Gritton inquired as to what is going on at the RCC campus tennis court demolition.
- Brian Percy requested that he be calendared in the near future to make a presentation about the Community Police Review Commission.

## **7. Next Meeting: Monday, February 7, 2005, Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

## **8. Meeting adjourned.**

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